VAMP - Fish Monitoring

CALFED OPS Meeting June 28, 2000 - M. Pierce

2000 VAMP Release Design:

Originally 250K fish available from MRFF

1 st set:			
4-17	Durham Ferry	New site 15 miles upstream, better allow fish to naturally	75K
		distribute prior to passing Old R.	
4-18	Mossdale	extra 50K fish became available, used for comparison to new	50K
		upstream site at Durham Ferry	
4-20	Jersey Point	control	50K
2 nd set	fish were of differe	ent egg lot and much smaller – release delayed several days	
4-28	Durham Ferry		75K
5-1	Jersey Point		<u>50K</u>
	•		300K

Net pen studies: 1st Durham Ferry release, most fish escaped All other tests fish looked very good at release and after 48 hrs, very few fish with any signs of ill health, almost zero mortality

Physiological studies:

after 24 hours held on site in net pens, saved 12 from 1st Durham Ferry release only preliminary but fish looked very healthy, no signs of parasites or disease

Recovery efforts:

Chipps Island - added 2nd shift Apr 16-May 20 (20 tows/day), daily single shifts continued into June

Jersey Point trawl (Antioch trawl) - moved downstream of Antioch Bridge to eliminate need for second control release at Mokelumne R. last day May 21, delta smelt trouble, CWT's few by then

CVP/SWP salvage

tags recovered during VAMP (numbers approx., not all are necessarily from VAMP study):

1,541 Chipps trawl Antioch trawl 1,251 SWP/CVP facilities 782 TOTAL = 3,574

New decimal type tags used for 1st set of VAMP releases, quicker to read other studies and 2nd set of VAMP releases still binary type too early for any tag results, processing will continue throughout the summer

2000 Report:

anticipate by Dec 31



